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Thanks

.. To those parents who supported our school cross country runners this week, to Mr Schuster for organising a great event and to our sponsors Omak Meats.

.. To the Holwell family for their generosity in allowing us to use their farm for this event.

People of the Week

.. All of those kids who ran their hearts out in today's cross country event irrespective of your placing in the field.

.. Zane who did such a fantastic job looking after another 5 year old who hurt himself in the playground this week.

.. Our 20 Hour famine participants.

.. Dannielle & Lauchie for helping set up the cross country course.

.. Room 10 for being the first class to return all their raffle tickets.

.. Sarah received "Player of the Day" for Kamo Magic Soccer 12 grade team, scoring 2 of the 3 goals.

(Please advise us of shining examples of consideration for next week's newsletter .. see final comment).

Term Calendar

13 June Zone Cross Country at Te Horo School
21 June Interschool Cross Country (Barge Park)
28 June Learner Portfolios sent home
8 July School Science Fair (Prize Giving 6:30 PM 9.7)
8 / 9 July Parent / teacher interviews
12 July Final day of term 2
We will advise other dates as these come to hand.

20 Hour Famine (8 / 9 June)

Good luck to all of those students participating in this weekend's famine. We look forward to hearing of your experiences next week.

International Schools English Exams

Practice papers will be available for the English exam **from the beginning of next week**. Participating children will be asked to do one practice paper per week until term's end and will receive further papers for the holidays. Before this all children will receive guidance in test technique and time management and will receive answer sheets to make your work at home a little easier. Children in the After School Labs receive more in-depth guidance .. if your child is struggling at any time, and they are not in these labs, you might like to consider registering them (Monday 3:30-4:30 English Labs / Thursday 3:30-4:30 Maths Labs). There is no cost to parents for these labs.

During the practice period please ensure your child has ..

- .. a regular test time and place
- .. that you mark their papers for them
- .. that you discuss time management and test technique from time to time
- .. that you keep all test scores so you can monitor progress
- .. contact us early if we can help with any problems.

If homework loads need adjusting at this time please make contact with your child's teacher.

Taniwha Challenge (Zone Cross Country) TeHoro School - 13.6 (pp 14.6)

Consents for this event were sent home today with those who expressed interest in this event (**years 4 to 8 only**) **for return to school on Monday please** - if your child did not bring a consent form home, and you would like them to attend this event, please phone the school office on Monday morning. Children likely to represent our school at Barge Park are especially encouraged to attend. Please note that, as this is an optional event, there will be a fee to cover the cost of bus transport (\$7-00 per student). **If ordering hangi meals money must also be in to the office by Tuesday 11 please.**

Taniwha Challenge (Zone Cross Country) TeHoro School - some details

If your child is attending this event please ensure that they bring their lunch, a drink bottle, shoes suitable for cross country running, rainwear, warm clothes for after their race and spending money at your discretion. If transporting your own children to this event please note that children need to be at the venue no later than 9:45am. Children travelling to the venue on the bus must also travel home on the bus unless the supervising teacher is advised. **We may be a little down on offers of supervision and so if you are able to help please give Kevin a call on Monday morning.**

Whangarei Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - 21.6

Selection for this event will be based largely on performance at our school event with the first 4 place getters (year 4 and up) qualifying to represent our school. Consents will be sent out next week for return a.s.a.p. please. Any questions please to Mr D.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Fee

Last week parents of year 7 and 8 children received a request for payment of technology fees. These fees cover materials used while at the Hukerenui Technology Centre (terms 3 and 4) - a legitimate fee as children get to keep these materials. We collect this fee for you and pay it to the centre on your behalf as this makes the process somewhat easier. The fee this year is \$60 per child. Please be aware that we do apply a small subsidy to this fee, and meet all other costs, to keep the cost as low as possible for families. Please give Kevin a call if you would like to discuss time payment options.

Year 7 and 8 - Science Fair / Action Research

Any questions about topics / experiments to Mrs Donaldson or Mr D please on sdelemare@matarau.school.nz. Please make contact early if you sense your child is encountering difficulty or is falling behind. Parents are encouraged to check your child's on-line calendar for updates.

School Contribution / Activity Fee

Thanks to those who have paid term contributions / activity fees. If you have not yet paid please do so at your earliest convenience. Those who have opted for automatic deductions are asked to arrange this as soon as possible please. If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact Kevin.

Netball and Hockey Fees

Please get these fees to Helen in the office as soon as possible so we can pay the respective associations.

Mobile Ear Clinic

.. will be outside the Bush Road Medical centre 8:30 to 3:30 Wednesday 12 June. No appointments necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Police vetting of camp parents

Currently the school does not police vet parents attending school camps. This is becoming a practice in some schools and our board is considering implementing a similar regime at our school. This would require a change of policy and thus parents are invited to comment on whether or not they see such a measure as necessary or prudent. In summary, all parents attending an overnight camp would be required to consent to a confidential police vet and would only be approved as a "camp parent" after clearance by the NZ Police. **If you would like to comment on this matter please do so in writing by 28 June.** Please address your submission to The Chairperson, Board of Trustees. All feedback will be carefully considered by the board before any decision is made. Any questions to Kevin please.

Headlice

The school is now as headlice free as it is possible for us to be. It is now up to parents please to check their children's hair weekly and take immediate action in the event of infestation. If all parents work to this rule we should remain on top of this situation until term's end.

Found

If you lost a sum of money outside Rooms 6,7 & 8; on Monday 6.5.13 please contact the office.

School Polo Shirts For Sale

\$20 for Sizes 4-10

\$23 for Sizes 12 up

Fun Football

If interested in growing your child's confidence and skill ... in helping them to form friendships ... in developing their fundamental movement skills ... and in making physical activity something they enjoy ... you might be interested in the Fun football Programme. This programme operates every term for 8 week blocks out of the Kamo High School gym on Mondays. Tots (4-6 yrs) play for 40 minutes (from 3:45) and stars (yrs 7-8) play for 50 minutes (from 4:45). You can register online at www.nff.org.nz or contact Christine at christine.taylor@nff.org.nz

Our New Board

Officially took office from 6 June .. first meeting 18 June.

Final Word

Each year the school decides on an overarching virtue will become a point of reflection and discussion over the course of the year. This year the school has decided to focus on CHOICE (also part of our mission statement) ... we will explore how we make choices, how our choices affect us (and others), what good choices look like, how we can learn to make better choices and so on. We also select supporting virtues and ask you to support with discussion at home. With this week's newsletter you will have received some background material on the CONSIDERATION virtue. Please take some time to ..

... discuss virtue this with your child

... talk about how you practice consideration in your life

... set some goals you and they can work on.

While we will be doing the same at school it makes a **HUGE** difference if we work in partnership on this ... it's our chance to work together to make our little corner of the world just that much better. ... **so let's all practice consideration!** (Please share encouraging examples of consideration with us so we can celebrate these through the newsletter).

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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Wanted to Rent - 3-4 bdrm, garage, Matarau/Ruatangata area. Call Jason 021435315

To Rent - 3 bdrm house, Matarau School Zone, \$320pw. Ph Robyn 4335501.

Wanted to Buy - Wind Trainer for Road Bike, Phone Helen 4335512 or 4335823.

Kamo Swm Club - AGM Tuesday 28th May 7pm @ Kamo High School Art Block, gate nearest pool.

Situation Vacant - Calf Rearer Required, late July to end Sept. Contact Shelley 4355433 or 0211088338.

2013 Funsticks Fun Sticks is the HNZ Active Post Small Sticks program which includes basic movement and hockey specific activities for players who are in year 1 & 2, Whangarei ITM Hockey Centre 9.00am - 10.00am Saturdays 18th May - 14th September; Gold Coin Donation / per session Sticks; mouth guard & shinpads; HN does provides some sticks if needed. For more info contact [Bevan Gibbs, Hockey Northland, 09 437 3830 or 0274 771 754](#).

Mid Winter Pamper Evening - 29th June @ 6pm. www.momentsintimeevents.co.nz Take a look on my news page for details. Tickets can be booked by email, mandy@momentsintimeevents.co.nz or catch me at school for tickets. I look forward to seeing you there. We all deserve to be pampered!!

MATARAU SCHOOL CATERING JOB - PLEASE HELP WHERE YOU CAN!

Following our successful catering in April – raising \$1,000 for our school, we have been offered a morning tea/lunchtime/afternoon tea/Nibbles catering job on Monday 24th June 2013 at Barge Park. We will need two teams of volunteers to help prepare & serve food on the day **or** if you are able to help out with providing any of the items below, please tick & return this form to school no later than 3pm on Monday 17th June, so that we can collate & arrange what else is needed. Any queries please contact Sharon Smith 0276319361. Many Thanks for your help in advance.

	I am able to help out on the day from 9am-3pmish
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	Fresh Bread (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Margarine or Mayonnaise (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Buns (for filled rolls) (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	1kg Shaved Ham (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	1kg Block of Cheese (Required by 3pm on 21/06/2013)
	Fresh Eggs (Required by 3pm on 21/06/2013)
	Lettuce (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Carrots (Required by 3pm on 21/06/2013)
	Tomatoes (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Pizza (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Large Pot of Homemade Soup (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Buns to go with Soup (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Garlic Bread (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Bacon & Egg Pie (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Savouries (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Mini Samosas (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Mini Spring Rolls (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Chicken Nibbles (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Fish Bites or Horderves (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Crackers (to be served with cheese) (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Gourmet cheeses (Camembert; Brie etc) (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	100g Pack of Coffee (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	1.5kg Sugar (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Baking: Slices, Cakes, Muffins, Scones etc (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)
	Fresh Fruit (Required by 8.30am on 24/06/2013)

Name:		Contact Ph #:	

(REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK)